

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Consideration is being given to introducing a  
3 new overlay area code in the 618 region of the State; and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
5 currently requires 11-digit dialing when an overlay area code  
6 is implemented; and

7 WHEREAS, The FCC's 11-digit dialing mandate is a needles  
8 inconvenience for residential and business consumers; and

9 WHEREAS, Residents in the 618 region would be able to  
10 continue dialing 7 digits for all local calls if the FCC were  
11 to change its policy on mandatory 11-digit dialing in an  
12 overlay situation; and

13 WHEREAS, The FCC's mandatory 11-digit dialing policy  
14 could soon affect all the residents of Illinois, as the phone  
15 industry claims that every area code in the State will be out  
16 of phone numbers by 2007; and

17 WHEREAS, On December 29, 2001, the FCC reversed its  
18 long-standing opposition to wireless-only overlays, signaling  
19 that the agency is potentially reconsidering its area code  
20 policies; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
22 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
23 we urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant a  
24 permanent waiver of the 11-digit dialing mandate for the 618  
25 region and to change its policy on overlay area codes; and be  
26 it further

27 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
28 presented to the Chairman of the FCC, the Chairman of the  
29 Illinois Commerce Commission, and each member of the Illinois  
30 congressional delegation.